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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM LIMA NOV 08:

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IDB LOAN FOR ILO DESAGUADERO HIGHWAY

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1. AMBASSADOR DE LA PIEDRA, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, CALLED ME ON BEHALF
OF THE MINISTER TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ
HAD DECIDED THAT THE GOP MUST GO AHEAD WITH THIS LOAN.
ACCORDING TO DE LA PIEDRA IT HAS THE HIGHEST FOREIGN
POLICY AND DEVELOPMENTAL PRIORITY. HE EXPRESSED
UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CONCERNS OVER THE COUNTERPART
QUESTION BUT ASSERTED THAT SUFFICIENT RESOURCES WILL
BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS. HE ADDED THAT
THERE WOULD BE COUNTERPART DIFFICULTIES WITH OTHER
PROJECTS, BUT ONCE AGAIN THIS LOAN HAS THE HIGHEST
PRIORITY. IT HAS BEEN UNDER STUDY FOR MANY YEARS,
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RESPONDS TO COMPLAINTS REPEATEDLY AIRED BY THE BOLIVIANS
AND IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE PRESIDENT'S
POLICY OF STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH PERU'S NEIGHBORS.
DE LA PIEDRA ENDED BY ASKING FOR OUR SUPPORT.

2. I SAID I DOUBTED THAT OUR POSITION WOULD CHANGE. I
EMPHASIZED THAT WE FOUND THE LOAN INCOMPATIBLE WITH

PERU'S PROGRAM OF FINANCIAL AUSTERITY. DE LA PIEDRA
MERELY REPEATED THAT IT HAD THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. I
SUGGESTED THAT THE GOP MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER POST-
PONING FOR ANOTHER BRIEF PERIOD UNTIL GARCIA BEDOYA
COULD GET BACK TO WASHINGTON AND DISCUSS THE ISSUE IN
DEGAIL. DE LA PIEDRA REPLIED THAT THAT POSSIBILITY
HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AND REJECTED. HE CONFIRMED THAT
THE MINISTER HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BROUSSET BEFORE
TAKING THE MATTER TO MORALES BERMUDEZ FOR DECISION.
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